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	First Named Inventor	Jonathan M. Hager et al.	
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Date	April 4, 2001

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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## Complete If Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355			Utility filing fee	355.00
106	320	206	160			Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245			Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355			Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75			Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 355.00)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims 18 -20\*\* = 0 X 0 = 0  
Independent Claims 9 -3\*\* = 6 X 40.00 = 240.00  
Multiple Dependent Claims 0 X 0 = 0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9			Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40			Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 240.00)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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105	130	205	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65.00
127	50	227	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130			Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195			Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445			Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155			Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135			Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220			Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300			Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581*	40	581	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
148	710	248	355			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 65.00)

## SUBMITTED BY

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09/771,362	01/26/2001	Jonathan M. Hager	444800.032

CONFIRMATION NO. 6442

## FORMALITIES LETTER



THOMPSON HINE & FLORY LLP  
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$240.
  - \$240 for 6 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 660.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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